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Enclosed within please find:

1. Amendment and Request for Interference Under 37 CFR §1.607;
2. Acknowledgement receipt postcard.

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Kindly add new claims 5-12 reading as follows:¹

-- 5. A linearly flexible stent for implanting within a body vessel comprising:
at least three turns defining a generally cylindrical body, the turns being generally independently expandable in the radial direction and generally aligned on a common longitudinal axis;
each of the turns other than the first and the last having two adjacent turns spaced in opposite axial directions
each of the turns defining the generally cylindrical body having an undulating pattern of zigzags or waves, each of the turns defining a generally cylindrical body being out of phase with the undulating pattern of each of the adjacent turns defining a generally cylindrical body; and

¹ A clean copy of the claims is annexed as Appendix 2.